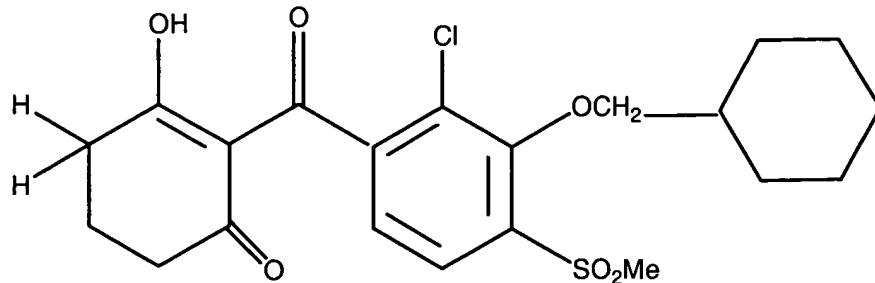


REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Raymond for the helpful telephone conversation with the undersigned conducted on April 16, 2004.

During the conversation it was decided that Applicants had responded to the Requirement for an Election of Species, dated November 5, 2003, when they elected



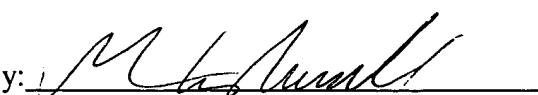
in the response filed December 5, 2003. Accordingly, Examiner Truong issued the Communication in error.

Applicants continue to traverse the Requirement for reasons of record and look forward to receiving the first office action on the merits in which the scope of examination is beyond this one compound. If for any reason the Examiner cannot examine the application, then it is requested that he contact the undersigned so that the matter may be resolved.

It is believed that no fee is required for consideration of this paper, if a fee is due, then the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-0320.

An early examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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